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Mail Stop Patent Application

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. To Be Assigned; Filed: July 30, 2003
For: **Aspiration Catheter Having a Variable Over-the-Wire Length and Methods of Use**

Inventor: Nareak Douk
Our Ref: P1354 US (1737.2620000/TUM)

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Aspiration Catheter Having a Variable Over-the-Wire Length and Method of Use
and naming as inventor:

Nareak Douk

the application consisting of:

- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);

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- b. A copy of the executed Declaration;
 - c. A specification containing:
 - i. 19 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 5 pages of claims (14 claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract; and
 - d. 7 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-7);
4. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
 5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
 6. A copy of the executed Assignment to Medtronic AVE, Inc., recordation of which is hereby respectfully requested;
 7. Two (2) return postcards; and
 8. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form

\$750.00 Filing fee for patent application;
\$ 40.00 Assignment recordation fee(s); and
\$ 84.00 Fee for excess claims.

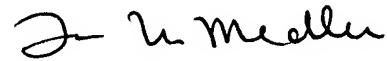
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or
credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 874.00**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**

- Check Credit card Money Order Other** None
 ** Charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments in the fees or fee calculations of Parts 1, 2 and 3 below to Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Deposit Account
 Deposit Account Number 19-0036
 Deposit Account Name: Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

- Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any over payments
 Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application
 Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001 | 750 | 2001 | 375 | Utility filing fee | \$750.00 |
| 1002 | 330 | 2002 | 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 520 | 2003 | 260 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 750 | 2004 | 375 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1105 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) | | | | 750.00 | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | - 20** = | 0 | X | -0- | = |
|--------------------|----------|---------|---|-----------|----------|
| Indep. Claims | 4 | - 3** = | 1 | X \$84.00 | =\$84.00 |
| Multiple Dependent | | | | | = |

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|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---|
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 84 | 2201 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 280 | 2203 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 84 | 2204 | 42 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
| SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) | | | | 84.00 |

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissue, see above

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| Application Number | T B Assigned | O |
| Filing Date | July 30, 2003 | P10 |
| First Named Inventor | Nareak Duk | S. 62984 |
| Examiner Name | To Be Assigned | U.S. 62984 |
| Art Unit | To Be Assigned | 104 |
| Attorney Docket No. | P1354 US (1737.2620000/TUM) | 10/10/03 |

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1502 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 410 | 2252 | 205 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 930 | 2253 | 465 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,450 | 2254 | 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 1,970 | 2255 | 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 320 | 2401 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 320 | 2402 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 280 | 2403 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,300 | 2453 | 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,300 | 2501 | 650 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 470 | 2502 | 235 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 630 | 2503 | 315 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | \$40.00 |
| 1809 | 750 | 2809 | 375 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 750 | 2810 | 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 750 | 2801 | 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$40.00)

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| Signature | | Date | 07/30/03 | | |

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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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|------------------------|---|
| Attorney Docket No. | P1354 US (1737.2620000/TUM) |
| First Inventor | Nareak Douk |
| Title | Aspiration Catheter Having a Variable Over-the-Wire Length and Methods of Use |
| Express Mail Label No. | |

APPLICATION ELEMENTS*See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.*

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 25]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7] [Total Pages 2]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program
(Appendix)
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 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

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10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
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18. Other: The name of the assignee is: Medtronic AVE, Inc.

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Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No: _____ / _____
Prior application information: Examiner _____ *Group/Art Unit:* _____

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